Bella Vista Radio Club Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2023

1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance was led by the president, Jan Hagan, WB5JAN

2. Hellos and New Member and Guest Introductions were presented by Tom Northfell, W5XNA

3. President's Welcome and Announcements

A special recognition was given to Richard and Pam Davis of Whistling Springs Brewing Company for the purchase of the food at Field Day

4. BVRC Business Meeting

A) Secretary's Report and Previous Minutes were presented by Dana Hill, W5DGH, and approved

B) Membership Report was presented by Tom Northfell, W5XNA, with a current membership of 182

C) Treasurer Report was supplied by Marc Whittlesey, WØKYZ

Previous Balance	$3,291.92 (from Jun/2023 report)
Disbursements	$38.28 (card table for meeting refreshments)
	$32.44 (coffee and cups)
TOTAL	$3,221.20
Arvest account	$2,168.48
PayPal account	$952.72
Petty Cash	$100.00
CURRENT BALANCE	$3,221.20

D) VE Program Report was supplied by Don Cooper, KC7DC

At our June 10, 2023, VE Test Session, we had 2 experienced BVRC members upgrade to the "big ticket" by earning their Amateur Extra Class license upgrades:

Michael Kemper (W5KMK) - Elkins

Mike Calvi (KF5RUO) - Bentonville

Congratulations to both for this significant accomplishment!

At Field Day, we welcomed 16-year-old Elija Reeves from Noel, MO who passed his Technician Exam. Elijah's call sign is pending.

5. Announcements of Upcoming club Activities for 2023

Announcements were presented by Jan Hagan, WB5JAN

A) BVRC Technician License Class will be held on July 22nd and 29rd from 9:00 to 3:00 pm at ALETA Facility - Tom Northfell, W5XNA, Instructor

B) August 19: 3rd Annual BVRC CW Roundup, check upcoming Signal Newsletter

C) October 14: N5BVA 30th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EVENT STATION #2

Two station portable operation from Park Springs Park – Bentonville

6. Feature Club Presentation

The feature presentation was a recap on Field Day 2023. Jan Hagan, WB5JAN, presented:

A sampling of Field Day 2023 media (links):

Mayor John D Flynn Proclamation of Amateur Radio Week in Bella Vista

Bella Vista Radio Club Holds Field Day

Ham Radio Field Day held in Bella Vista this weekend

A) Tom Northfell, W5XNA also recapped the highly successful BVRC Field Day Event!

B) Field Day Volunteer recognition and Thank You were also presented

7. Gear Exchange Announcements – Jan, WB5JAN

Jan announced that the “For sale or trade items” were located on the tables at the far right of the room throughout the evening for those looking “new to them” amateur radio equipment.

8. Club Door Prize Announcements – Joe, W5AEN

Amateur radio related door prizes were provided by club members from their personal collections to winning BVRC members and guest ticket holders.

9. Adjournment

An announcement was made to remember the next BVRC Club meeting to be held on Thursday, August 3, 2023, at the Arkansas Law enforcement training academy.

Minutes were recorded by Dana Hill, W5DGH.